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OFFICE OF LAND AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Ms. Heidi B. Friedman, Esq. Thompson Hine, LLP 3900 Key Center 127 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44114-1291

Dear Ms. Friedman:

I am writing in response to your March 13, 2018 letter to Ms. Cathy Amoroso, requesting an extension of the comment period for the Rockwell International Wheel & Trim site in Grenada, MS. This site was proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL) on January 18, 2018 with a 60-day comment period that was scheduled to end on March 19, 2018. Your letter indicates that a 30-day extension of the comment period is needed because EPA has not completed its response to your Freedom of Information (FOIA) request and that you and your client, Meritor, Inc. are entitled to review of the full materials contained in your FOIA request prior to submitting comments on the NPL proposal.

Since the docket contains all of the information EPA relied upon for the proposal of the site, this information has been available to you regardless of your FOIA request. It is EPA's policy to extend the comment period only on a site-specific basis to address any procedural errors, such as incomplete or missing references in the public docket. This approach is consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act.

There was a short delay in providing you with the reference documents used to support the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) scoring of the site. You received those documents on January 24, 2018. For this reason, EPA is giving you, and all other interested parties, an additional 7 days to submit comments related to the Rockwell International Wheel & Trim site. All commenters have until March 26, 2018 to submit comments.

EPA will consider all comments received by March 26, 2018. Please use Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0608 for submittal of your comments via http://www.regulations.gov. You may verify receipt of comments by checking back on www.regulations.gov (please allow a day or two for web posting).

Sincerely,

Douglas Ammon, Chief

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